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**Objet:** Meeting with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Hello All,

Please see the report from the meeting with ICE that was co-drafted with IRCC. Please disseminate as needed.

Meeting details/Synopsis:

- 7 September from 13:00-14:48 at 26 Federal Plaza
- Attendees were
  Cyril Joseph, IRCC Migration Program Manager (MPM)
  and L-A Veillette (CBSA LO)
- Main topic of discussion was the present pressure at the Lacolle border as well as to talk about present environment in New York City.

Background:

of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO). He oversees the NY office which has 300 officers and approximately 100,000 open Final Order of Removal files for New York City area.

has been and will continue to be a very valuable contact for the CBSA LO and has been met with the LO and others a number of times to have frank discussions.

Synopsis of meeting:

Due to the large volume of files, NYC ICE priority has been and will remain to be the removal of those individuals with criminal history. Immigration enforcement priorities were outlined in Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Jeh Johnson's 2014 memorandum which stated that priority 1 targets include threats to national security, criminal street gang members, convicted felons, and aggravated felons. Priority 2 targets include individuals with convictions for three or more misdemeanors, or convictions for significant misdemeanors, including DUIs.

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In October 2014 the New York City Council passed a bill that resulted the cessation of the ability of ICE to files an "immigration detainer" with the Department of Correction ("DOC") or with the New York City Police Department ("NYPD") when they believe an individual in DOC or NYPD custody is subject to removal from this country. In filing such immigration detainer, ICE makes a request that the agency detain the individual for up to 48 hours beyond when they would otherwise be released, so that custody of the individual may be transferred to ICE. This decision was predicated on the view that a number of courts have decided that local authorities do not need to comply with ICE detainer requests, and that honoring such requests without an underlying finding of probable cause may raise civil rights concerns. Additionally the Council prohibited DOC from allowing ICE to maintain an office on Rikers Island or any other DOC property. It also restricted DOC personnel from communicating with ICE regarding information that is unrelated to an inmate's immigration status such as a release date, incarceration status, court dates, or any other information about the inmate, unless the inmate is the subject of a detainer request that DOC may honor pursuant to the law, or unless the communication is unrelated to immigration enforcement.

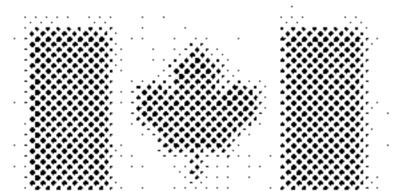
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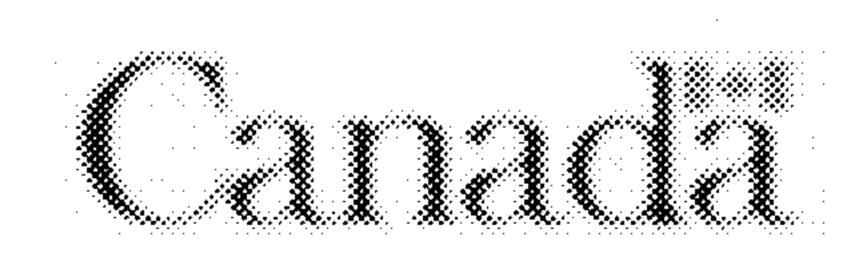
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CO-DRAFTED by IRCC MPM and CBSA LO

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